



Message from the Mayor's Office



Congratulations to Mayor Jacqueline Goodall who was named this year's recipient of the Walter "Mike" Maloney Environmental Service Award by the Prince George's Sierra Club Group! The award was presented to her June 29 at the group's annual picnic at Allen Pond Park in Bowie.

"It is an honor to receive this award," said Mayor Goodall. "I pray that I am able to continue to raise the consciousness of our need to work for clean and trash-free waterways, not only for the environment, but for our own health and the health of our children."

Every year, the Prince George's Group of the Sierra Club recognizes a County resident for excellence in environmental leadership. The award honors the late Walter "Mike" Maloney — a civic activist, County Council member, and attorney dedicated to the rights and quality-of-life of everyday people.

Under Mayor Goodall's leadership and with support from previous mayors and the Town Council, the Town of Forest Heights has been at the forefront of sustainable practices and established itself as a "green" municipality. Projects have included: a municipal building with an eco-friendly "green" roof and energy-efficient renovations; solar panel installations; a zero storm water runoff demonstration site; and periodic cleanups of the Oxon Run stream. Improvements have been financed through bonds from the state and grants from public agencies and private foundations.

The Mayor's other accomplishments include: being named the 2011 recipient of the Chesapeake Bay Trust's Ellen Fraites Wagner (Steward of the Year) Award; a Board member for the Forest Heights-Oxon Hill Community Development Corp.; President of the Maryland Black Mayors Inc.; and a Trustee member of the African American Mayors Association.

At the awards picnic, the Maryland Chapter of the Sierra Club also honored Maryland State Delegate James W. Hubbard with the Lifetime Environmental Leadership Award.

The Sierra Club is the oldest and largest non-profit environmental organization in the nation. Its mission is to explore, enjoy and protect the wild places of the Earth. More information on the Sierra Club is available online at <https://maryland2.sierraclub.org/groups/prince-georges-group/prince-georges-group> and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/PrinceGeorgesMDSierraClub>.

Photos courtesy of Prince George's Sierra Club Group

Mayor/Council Workshop Meeting,

Monday August 4, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor/Council Meeting,

Wednesday August 20, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.

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Police Department

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FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT



Lock your car doors! Car-Hoppers have been busy.

Protecting Your Vehicle, Help Prevent Vehicle Theft

Car thieves, like home burglars, look for easy targets. Car owners obligingly leave doors unlocked, windows open, or their keys in the vehicle. Criminals usually **DO NOT** want to be seen, heard, or take an excessive amount of time to break in.

PREVENTION CHECKLIST DO YOU...?

Take a picture of your car with the plate number visible. Etch VIN numbers into all windows.

Help Prevent Vehicle Burglary

Preventing thieves from breaking into your vehicle to steal valuables is very difficult. **If you want to protect your personal property, DO NOT leave it in your car.**



Lock your vehicle	Lock your windows
Take your keys with you	Set your alarm
Remove number codes from your keys	Lock vent windows (trucks)
Leave only your ignition key when having your vehicle serviced	Remove spare keys hidden on or in your vehicle. Consider a spare key in your wallet
Park and lock your vehicles in garages when possible. Remove personal information such as driver license, registration etc, from unattended vehicles	Carry a copy of your registration in your wallet for ease of identification in case of emergency or theft
Know your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)	Use additional identification methods such as "Data Dots," engravings, and dye markers
Place additional identification marks in several places such as tailgates, spoilers, and under the hood	

ATTENTION ALL FOREST HEIGHTS



RESIDENTS

This is an invitation from
"The Friends of
Forest Heights Police"

Help us keep a lid on crime
in our community in 2014. Become a part
of the Neighborhood Watch Meeting
First Thursday, of each Month

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Forest Heights Police Department July 2014 All Calls For Service

911 HANG UP	2	NOTIFICATION	1	WARRANT SERVICE	2
911 HANG UP (PAY PHONE)	1	OFFICER BREAK	1	Total Call Handled	92
ASSIST FIRE DEPT / EMS	3	PANHANDLER	1		
ASSIST MOTORIST	1	PROPERTY DAMAGE	1		
ASSIST OUTSIDE AGENCY	6	ROBBERY (CITIZEN)	2		
B & E (RESIDENTIAL)	2	SOUND OF GUN SHOTS	1		
BURGLAR ALARM (RESIDENTIAL)	8	SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT(S)	10		
CARJACKING (ARMED)	1	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	3		
CHECK ON THE WELFARE	3	TAMPERING WITH AUTO	3		
COURT	2	THEFT (FROM AUTO)	3		
CUSTOMER DISPUTE	1	THEFT REPORT	2		
DISORDERLY SUBJECT(S)	12	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	2		
DISPUTE BETWEEN PERSONS	1	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT (HIT & RUN)	1		
DOMESTIC DISPUTE	4	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT (INJURIES)	1		
FIGHT IN PROGRESS	2	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	4		
FIREWORKS COMPLAINT	2	UNKNOWN TROUBLE	2		
INVESTIGATION	1				
JUVENILE COMPLAINT	1				

Town Community News (continued)

A Taste of Forest Heights 2014: Building Community Solidarity and Showing Our Town Pride

We would like to thank all of our volunteers and participants for coming out to this year's Forest Heights Day event and for making "A Taste of Forest Heights" such a HUGE success! We kicked off this year's Forest Heights Day celebration with a Town Parade from Mohican Drive and Fox Way, crossing Indian Head Highway, all the way to the Forest Heights Municipal Building. Attendees were able to sample from a wide variety of delicacies from our local food vendors with activities, speakers and entertainment scheduled throughout the day.

Highlights from the day's festivities included: an epic Tug-of-War Battle between Forest Heights children and members of the Forest Heights Police Department; Mayor Jacqueline Goodall and Town Councilmembers presenting State Delegate Veronica Turner with an Award of Recognition; actor and Forest Heights native Aaron Spears speaking in support of a new program being established in the Forest Heights-Oxon Hill area called the Southern Maryland Youth Theatre Group that will promote youth interest in radio, television and the performing arts. We would also like to acknowledge County Councilman Obie Patterson for his support/attendance.

Special thanks to all of our fantastic performers/groups: By His Grace Cheer and Dance; the Silver Hill Boys and Girls Club; ASE Youth Wellness; Maella Spires; St. Mark AME Church Men's Choir; poetry speaker Sistah Joy; AClown4U; our musicians; our food vendors; and others. Thank you!



Town Community News (continued)

Help Us Build Our New Playground

Our Playground Community Build Day has been rescheduled to **Saturday, August 30, 2014 from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM** at 121 Mohican Drive. We hope to have more than 50 volunteers and dozens of community organizations and sponsors assist with building the new tot lot playground in Forest Heights. There will be food, games and live entertainment. We will also have more than one hundred local children submit design ideas and drawings for the new playground, which we will display at the playground site.

In 2013, the Town was awarded a \$20,000 Let's Play Construction Grant from Dr Pepper Snapple Group and KaBOOM! to fund construction for the new playground. This will not only be a new playground for our children and future generations of children to enjoy, but will also be a symbol of our community coming together to promote healthy and active lifestyles.

We continue to seek volunteers for our Playground Prep Days scheduled for **Thursday, Aug. 28 and Friday, Aug. 29 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM**. If interested, please contact program coordinator Charmaine Turner at 202-330-3043 or email turnerkchar@aol.com. Students will be able to receive community service hours for their time.

A ribbon cutting ceremony on the new playground will take place sometime in September. Please continue to follow our Town newsletter and Facebook page for the latest information.



Good morning AEE supporters,

It is that time of year again, BACK TO SCHOOL! In efforts to assist Domestic Violence Survivors Rebuild their lives we are pleased to announce H.E.R Back to School Giveaway. We are accepting request for school supplies from July 27, 2014 to August 9, 2014. Please review the attached flyer for more information.

We are asking you to share the flyer in your communities. In addition we are asking your help. Our goal is to support 100 students this school year. To achieve our goal we are asking for any support you can offer. Currently we are in need of backpacks and school supplies. All donations are appreciated, you can make a difference with 1 pack of paper. Do not hesitate to contact us. If you are interested in donating funds or school supplies by August 12, 2014, visit our website, www.AnEarthlyEmbrace.com, email us at Services@anearthlyembrace.com or reach us at 301-642-4325.



New Location for Prince George's One-Stop Career Center

The Prince George's One-Stop Career Center has moved to its new location at **1801 McCormick Drive, Suite 120, Largo, MD**. The center is open Monday-Thursday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM and Friday from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. For more information on One-Stop Career Center services, please visit www.dlfr.state.md.us/county/pg/. You may also call 301-618-8400 or email largo@dlfr.state.md.us.

The first day of school for PGCPs students is Tuesday, Aug. 26th. In preparation for the 2014-15 school year, PGCPs will host a transition day for students entering middle school grades 6 or 7 (according to middle school configuration) and high school students entering grade 9, and an orientation day for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students. More information is available at <http://www1.pgcp.org/communications/press.aspx?id=196749>. Also, don't forget about the Back-to-School Fair this coming Saturday, Aug. 9th, 10 AM-1 PM at the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro! Lots of information and giveaways!



Forest Heights Awarded Environmental Improvement Grant

The Town of Forest Heights was one of 34 organizations that received a portion of \$3.7 million in funds offered through the *Green Streets, Green Towns, Green Jobs Initiative (G3)*. The Town was awarded a total of \$202,940.

The *G3 Initiative* supports the implementation of President Barack Obama's Chesapeake Bay Protection and Restoration Executive Order. Created in 2011, the purpose of the *G3 Initiative* is to advance watershed protection and economic vitality through the development of storm water management techniques, green jobs creation and enhanced livability. It is a collaborative effort between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

Six of the 34 grantees — including Forest Heights — were located in Prince George's County, and received approximately \$45,000 to \$242,000 in Green Street Initiatives.

Town Community News (continued)

Message from Town Administrator

WSSC has reserved the Town of Forest Heights community room to talk about water/sewer rate increases. We urge our residents to attend the meeting which will be held on Monday September 15th, 2014 at 7 pm. Please plan to attend so that you can be informed as well as express your thoughts.

We are moving forward to address the storm drain problem we have at the corner of Seneca Dr. /Woodland Dr. The drain has always functioned well until January of 2014, when we began to have drainage problems. The public works department is gathering bids to examine the storm drain clean out any debris and run a camera through the line to determine the problem. There is some confusion regarding ownership of the storm drain. Does it belong to the county or the Town of Forest Heights? We are determined to fix the problem before the end of November and resolve the ownership problem later.

We welcome two new public works employees: Anthony Millard and Nakia Bowman.

We also express appreciation to two part time temporary office employees: Angella Dines and Katrina Watt both worked as volunteers at Forest Heights Day.

The Town purchased an electric vehicle for public works through a grant from the Maryland Energy Administration, which will help the Town reduce the use of fossil fuel. The electric vehicle will replace a Town pickup for 9 months out of the year and will save the Town about \$3,500.00 per year in fuel and maintenance costs. The Town has applied for grant funding to purchase two Nissan leaf electric vehicles to be used by code enforcement and the administration staff. The Mayor was successful in securing a never grant of \$202,000 for Rolph Dr.

Vern Haefele Town Administrator

NEED YOU KNOW?

An Act concerning the amendment of Section 307A, Charter of Prince George's County for the purpose for proposing an amendment to Section 307A of the Charter of Prince George's County to increase the number of consecutive terms that a person may serve on the County Council or as County Executive from two terms to three terms.



WHY WALK?

Instead of driving or taking the elevator, try walking! It reduces carbon emissions and saves energy. Walking not only benefits the environment, but it's good for you too. Health benefits of walking include:

- ▶ Reducing the risk of coronary heart disease
- ▶ Improving blood pressure and blood sugar levels
- ▶ Improving blood lipid profile
- ▶ Maintaining body weight and lowering the risk of obesity
- ▶ Enhancing mental well being
- ▶ Reducing the risk of osteoporosis
- ▶ Reducing the risk of breast and colon cancer
- ▶ Reducing the risk of non-insulin dependent (type 2) diabetes

Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards invites you to attend her 2014 Job Fair. Meet employers from National and local businesses, Federal, State, and County government agencies, and Nonprofit organizations on Thursday, August 28, 2014 from 10:00a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Prince George's County Sports & Learning Complex Field House, 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD 20785



Forest Heights in the News

Forest Heights was featured in a Washington Post article ("In Forest Heights, tree initiatives take root", Arelis R. Hernández, Washington Post, July 27, 2014). The article discussed a resolution that the Prince George's County Council recently passed that would increase the number of shade trees — trees that grow taller than 40 feet — along public roads and sidewalks frequented by pedestrians. The article also detailed Mayor Jacqueline Goodall's involvement/contribution with improving tree canopy in Prince George's County.

An excerpt from the article:

A recent study found a correlation between a community's tree cover and the wealth of its residents.

Goodall and other tree advocates said they want to make it more equal. More trees in a neighborhood, they said, can increase property values.

"Unfortunately in minority communities, tree planting is not at the top of things that are priorities for families dealing with lots of other issues," Goodall said. Getting her citizens to support her "green" initiatives took years of effort.

She commissioned an analysis in 2010 that found the town's current tree inventory intercepted more than 1 million gallons of storm water each year. That saved the town more than \$10,000 annually in storm water management costs, the analysis said.

Maryland passed a law in 2012 requiring local governments in nine counties, including Prince George's, to levy a storm water management fee. But Goodall was able to secure a partial rebate of the fee for Forest Heights because of the environmental measures the town had adopted.

Crape myrtles and willow oaks had been planted around the town hall parking lot. Using grants, Forest Heights purchased rain barrels, fashioned a green roof on the town hall, installed seven rain gardens around the property and laid down pervious materials.

Full version of article is online at: <http://m.washingtonpost.com/local/md-politics/in-forest-heights-tree-initiatives-take-root/2014/07/27/>

Would you like to know more about what's going on in Forest Heights, Text **ForestHeights** to 40691 from your phone. Check out our website to find out more or send your email address/cell phone number to shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov.



Town Community News (continued)



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or edging, trimming etc.
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estimates available.

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MD 20745

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God First, Family, Second, Career Third

HAVE A PARTY!!!



The Forest Heights 50+ Senior Wellness Program

Monday, August 11, 2014 @

1:00pm



Disability
Insurance

**Forest Heights Municipal
Building**

5508 Arapahoe Drive

Forest Heights, MD 20745

**For information, contact
Mrs. Turner at 202-330-3043**

Healthy Heights Tips & Senior Community News

50+ Plus Committee welcomes you to "Community Cards"

Please mark your calendar for the:

**"Community Cards" August 16 and 30
from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

For information on the program, or to get
involved, contact Councilman Barnes at
301-839-1030 ext. 303 anytime day or
night, and leave a message.



The Forest Heights Seniors' Recreation Program

Monday, August 11, 2014 at 1:00-3:00 p.m.



**Forest Heights Municipal
Building**

**For more information contact:
Mrs. Turner at 202-330-3043**



Free Exercise Classes

Senior (50+)

**Monday and Wednesday, Class Begins at 12:00 noon
Town Hall Municipal Building**

COMMUNITY CALENDAR AUGUST 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 TOWN MEETING 7:30 p.m. Exercise Classes 12:00 noon Trash/Recycling	5 Summer Concert Series: Soul Patrol Band Hillcrest Heights Community Center 2300 Oxon Run Drive Temple Hills, MD 20748 6:30-8:30 p.m.	6 Yard Waste	7 Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00-8:00 p.m. Night of the Arts Billingsley House 6900 Green Landing Road Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 6:30-8:00 p.m. Bulk Trash 3 Items or Less	8 Fabulous Fridays Watkins Regional Park 301 Watkins Park Drive Upper Marlboro, MD 20774 5:30-8:30 p.m. Farmer's Market St. Mark's Church 5427 Indian Head Hwy 11:00-6:00 p.m.	9 BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAIR SHOW PLACE ARENA IN UPPER MARLBORO Sister Soldiers of the Civil War Surratt House Museum 9118 Brandywine Road Clinton, MD 20735 Cruisin on the River Car Show National Harbor 137 National Plaza National Harbor, MD 20745
10 Summer Concert Series: Gospel Concert Upper Marlboro Community Center 5400 Marlboro Race Track Road Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 7:00-8:00 p.m.	11 Exercise Classes 12:00 noon Trash/Recycling Forest Heights Seniors Recreation Program 1:00-3:00 p.m.	12	13 Yard Waste	14 Summer Concert Series: Jazz, R&B Oxon Hill Manor 6901 Oxon Hill Road Oxon Hill, MD 20745 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bulk Trash 3 Items or Less	15 Fabulous Fridays Watkins Regional Park 301 Watkins Park Drive Upper Marlboro, MD 20774 6:30-8:30 p.m. Farmer's Market St. Mark's Church 5427 Indian Head Hwy 11:00-6:00 p.m.	16 Community Cards 1:00- 3:00 p.m. Yard Sale Abundant Life Ministries 5533 Livingston Road 8:00-3:00 p.m.
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Town Hall Upcoming Events

**Playground Community Build Day Saturday August 30, 2014 9:30-3:30 p.m. —
at 121 Mohican Dr.**

Yard Sale Saturday August 16, 2014 8:00-3:00 p.m.

Mayor/Council Workshop Wednesday August 20, 2014 8:00 p.m.

**Playground Prep Days Thursday August 28, and Friday 29, 9-1:30 p.m. —
at 121 Mohican Dr.**

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Town Community News (continued)

TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS AND
ABUNDANT LIFE MINISTRIES
5533 LIVINGSTON ROAD
FOREST HEIGHTS, MD 20745

YARD SALE



SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2014

8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

VENDORS WANTED

SPACE \$15 /TABLE \$5

NEXT YARD SALE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2014

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2014

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2014

FOREST HEIGHTS FARMER'S MARKET

COORDINATOR: MRS. CATHY CLARK – 202-510-8662
OR 301-839-1030 WHERE: ST. MARK'S CHURCH

5427 INDIAN HEAD HWY, FOREST HEIGHTS, MD 20745

DATE: EVERY FRIDAY – NO FARMER'S MARKET
ON HOLIDAY

TIME: 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Forest Heights Notary

9 am - 4 pm Monday - Friday

Notary is \$2 per document

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